

Remarks

Reconsideration and further examination of the above-identified patent application in light of the present Amendment, Reply, and Remarks is respectfully requested.

A Petition for an extension of time is enclosed along with the required extension fee.

Authorization is hereby given to charge any deficiency in fees or any other fees in connection with the above-identified patent application to our Deposit Account No. 23-0920.

Claims 1- 31 and 35-37 were pending prior to this Amendment.

Claims 1-30 and 32-34 have been canceled.

Claims 1-30 have been withdrawn.

Claims 31 and 35-37 are presently pending for the consideration of the Primary Examiner.

As per the Primary Examiner's requests, claims 1-30 have now been canceled.

A timely filed terminal disclaimer is enclosed in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on the nonstatutory double patenting ground in view applicant's U.S. Patent No. 6,355,684. As indicated in the terminal disclaimer, the conflicting patent is commonly owned with this application.

Claim 31 contains most of the method steps, features and limitations of claim 1 of applicant's U.S. Patent No. 6,350,784.

Claim 35 contains most of the method steps, features and limitations of claim 2 of applicant's U.S. Patent No. 6,350,784.

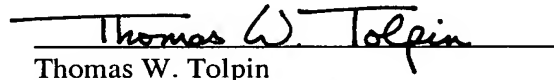
The references of Tyler, Bourbon et al. and Bryant et al. and other references of record do not disclose applicant's method for use in treating HIV as now specified in claims 31 and 35-37. Applicant's claims 31 and 35-37 contain numerous method steps, features and limitations that are not disclosed in Tyler, Bourbon et al. and Bryant et al. and the other references of record.

In summary, applicant's method, as recited in claims 31 and 35-37, provides a very useful and user friendly method to treat HIV, which is not anticipated or obvious from Tyler, Bourbon et al., Bryant et al and the other references of record

Since the preceding amendment complies with the Primary Examiner's requests, cures the Primary Examiner's objections and patentably distinguishes applicant's remaining claims over the cited prior art references of record, it is respectfully submitted that the above-identified application is now in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

The Primary Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney in order to expedite this application to allowance, if the preceding does not already place the above-identified application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,


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